

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
November 21, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Catherine Garnett, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, and David White of the Commission. Also present were Bruce Whelple, Mike Rademacher, Tracie Lenhardt and Gene Crouch.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

White/Coleman motioned to approve the 11/7 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rademacher discussed **snow storage** sites for the coming winter, potentially at the Arlington Reservoir parking lot and the lot at Poet's Corner in the future. The DPW intends to file an RDA for the Reservoir lot use and include erosion controls and snow fence. Mr. Tirone requested that the plans include contours, if available. Mr. White requested that any use of the Reservoir lot leave space for parking.

8pm **Notice of Intent** – Mystic River Oil Spill and clean up. This item was continued to the 12/5 meeting at 8:30pm per the applicant's request to complete the sediment analysis and reports.

Connors/White motioned to approve the continuance; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm **Notice of Intent** – Intersection improvements at Routes 2, 3 and 16

Mr. Crouch presented the plan to repave the intersection to provide better traffic flow and remove an inaccessible sidewalk. Riprap slopes will have compost installed in the hollows to help establish grasses and prevent invasive plants.

The Commission asked where staging and storage for the project would take place. The consultant responded that the contractor would make that decision along with MassDOT after the project is awarded. The Commission would condition that no staging take place in resource areas.

The Commission would also like copies of the SWWWP and updates from the Resident Engineer.

Ms. Beckwith estimated that 9 large trees adjacent to Thorndike Field will be removed according to the plan and she asked if these could be replaced with new trees located at the foot of the slope. MassDOT indicated that if the trees are located on Town property, then the Town would be responsible for their successful growth and maintenance.

Ms. Beckwith informed the consultant of two adjacent projects which did not appear on the project plans (the stormwater treatment swale for the Thorndike Field Off-leash Dog Park and the new Greenway boardwalk trail).

Mr. Naylor asked for a written explanation detailing why peak rate detention BMPs were not feasible at each of the islands within the intersection.

Mr. Stevens asked VHB or MassDOT to provide justification for why this project should be exempt from the local bylaw. Mr. Stevens also requested a written explanation for the claim that the project qualifies as a Limited Project.

The Commission asked the consultant to provide the standard conditions from the Cambridge Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions for this project along with the additional conditions that were suggested by the Cambridge DPW.

White/Coleman motioned to continue the hearing, to allow the consultant to provide the above requested information, to 12/5 at 9pm; motion passed unanimously.

8:45pm **Discussion** – Symmes

Brian Rehrig will attend our next meeting 12/5 at 8pm to present the background and history of the draft Conservation Restriction for this property.

Ms. Beckwith will book this room for 12/12 as well in order to complete this task.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator